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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No.:	09/815,962	)	
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Filed:	March 23, 2001	)	Examiner: Charles Goodman
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Title:	<b>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRIMMING</b>	)	Art Unit: 3724
	<b>SHEET METAL</b>	)	
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Inventor(s):	Wilson	)	
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 12, 2002, for the above-identified patent application, Applicant elects Group II, comprising claims 10 - 13.

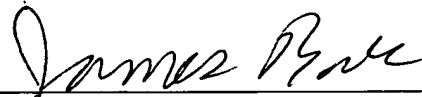
This election is made with traverse. The Examiner's comment regarding possible use of the apparatus in Group II with devices which do not include a blade is noted. However, because each claim includes a knife roll, or support roll and blade combination, as a claimed element or within the claim's preamble, it is respectfully submitted that the searching and examination of the subject matter for each Group of claims will be substantially the same. It is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement to the three Groups of claims be withdrawn.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any and all additional fees incurred as a result of entering this election to Deposit Account No. 03-0172.

Respectfully submitted,

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